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SUBJECT: STATUS OF INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING - FY 1974

REFS: A. NATO/SHAPE SPT GP US 151925Z JUL 74

B. USNATO 1689, 271940Z MAR 74

1. REF A REPORTS THAT AS OF 30 JUN 74 \$15,034 MILLION OF FY 74 ALLOTMENT REMAINED UNOBLIGATED. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS EXCEEDS FORECAST GIVEN IN REF B ONLY BECAUSE OF SEVERAL UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS:

A. DELAY IN NICS/TARE AUTHORIZATION (WHICH HAS NOW BEEN SCREENED DOWN TO \$10.5 MILLION) DUE TO POLITICAL FACTORS CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED IN DPC.

B. TEMPORARY DEFERRAL OF SLICE XXIV CAGLIARI POL STORAGE (\$2.1 MILLION) AND COST OVERRUN ON SLICE XXIII CAGLIARI POL STORAGE (\$2.0 MILLION) PENDING SHAPE COMMITMENT TO REPROGRAM THE SLICE XXIV WORKS IN SLICE XXVII. REQUEST RESULTED FROM MAJOR INCREASES IN COST ESTIMATES OVER ORIGINAL PROGRAMMED AMOUNTS FOR THESE RELATED WORKS. MISSION ANTICIPATES THIS ISSUE WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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RESOLVED SHORTLY AND AUTHORIZATIONS APPROVED.

C. INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE TEMPORARY EMBARGO ON NEW AUTHORIZATIONS IN SLICE GROUPS XVI-XX PENDING REVIEW OF STATUS OF REMAINING PROJECTS WHICH HAS RESULTED IN DEFERRAL OF APPROX \$1 MILLION IN

OBLIGATIONS BY P&P COMMITTEE. HAD THESE EVENTS NOT OCCURRED, NET CARRYOVER OF FUNDS TO FY75 WOULD HAVE BEEN LESS THAN \$1 MILLION.

2. ACCORDING TO MISSION RECORDS, OBLIGATIONS REPORTED REF A RESULT IN AUTHORIZATIONS CARRYOVER OF APPROX \$28 MILLION. MISSION ASSUMES THAT CONTINUING RESOLUTION AUTHORITY (CRA) HAS BEEN GRANTED TO PERMIT FULL UTILIZATION OF THIS AUTHORIZATION BEFORE NEW LEGISLATION IS ENACTED. MISSION THEREFORE PLANS TO SUPPORT AUTHORIZATION OF NICS/TARES AS SOON AS DPC HAS RESOLVED POLITICAL PROBLEMS.

3. ASSUMING CAGLIARI PROJECTS ARE CLEARED SHORTLY, AND THAT TEMPORARY EMBARGO ON SLICE GROUP XVI-XX IS ALSO LIFTED IN NEAR FUTURE, \$15 MILLION CARRYOVER FUNDS WOULD THEN HAVE BEEN UTILIZED. THIS WOULD LEAVE APPROX \$13 MILLION IN AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR OTHER NEW AUTHORIZATIONS. THIS AMOUNT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO CARRY PROGRAM TO END SEPTEMBER IF CURRENT RATE OF AUTHORIZATION FOR NORMAL BUSINESS IS CONTINUED (SOMETHING LESS THAN \$1 MILLION PER MEETING) AND NEXT MAJOR NICS PROJECT, INTERIM VOICE SWITCH NETWORK (IVSN) FOR \$6.5 MILLION IS PRESENTED TO P&P COMMITTEE IN SEPTEMBER AS CURRENTLY PLANNED.

4. ENACTMENT OF NEW LEGISLATION BY END SEPTEMBER WOULD AVOID ANY HIATUS IN PROGRAM. ENACTMENT LATER THAN EARLY OCTOBER COULD CAUSE SOME DIFFICULTY, RESULTING IN NEED TO DEFER SOME PROJECTS, AND/OR REQUIRE NICSMA TO PROCEED WITH IVSN BID SOLICITATION WHILE ACTUAL FUND AUTHORIZATION IS DEFERRED TO LATER DATE. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES REQUEST: A) CONFIRMATION OF ASSUMPTION PARA 2 ABOVE REGARDING CRA; AND B) CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF STATUS OF BOTH AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION LEGISLATION, INCLUDING FORECAST OF POSSIBLE TIMING OF FINAL PASSAGE. AN EARLY REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED, SINCE IF CRA ASSUMPTION IS NOT VALID, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO APPLYING TO NICS/TARE PROGRAM THE APPROACH OUTLINED ABOVE FOR THE IVSN, I.E., BID SOLICITATION WITH DEFERRED AUTHORIZATION. RUMSFELD.

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